

Call For Applications

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

For Mid-career Professionals

The **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program** is a United States government-funded exchange program that brings accomplished mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership potential to the United States for an academic year of non-degree graduate-level study, leadership development, and substantive professional collaboration with U.S. counterparts. By providing future leaders and policy makers with experience in U.S. society, culture, and professional fields, the program provides a basis for lasting, productive ties between Americans and their professional counterparts overseas.

The Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia is recruiting qualified professionals for this program.

The application deadline for the 2027-2028 academic year is **July 19, 2026**.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

a. Applicants **MUST** be from the following eligible fields:

- **Communications and Journalism**
- **Law and Governance**
- **Natural Resources Policy**
- **Public and Economic Policy**
- **Public Health Policy and Management**
- **Technology Policy and Management**

Fellows are selected through a competitive process based on their potential for leadership and commitment to public service in the public or private sector.

Applications for the Humphrey Fellowship must be filed online; **do not send** applications to the Embassy. The online application requires the following elements:

1. Curriculum Vitae detailing overall experience and qualifications;
2. Program plan providing details of what the applicants hopes to accomplish through participation in the program;
3. Complete answers to all questions; essay responses in English must thoroughly address the prompts;
4. Recommendations from two referees; one must be from the applicant's current employer
5. Official transcripts in English must be attached; Transcripts must list courses taken and grades received for undergraduate (first university or Bachelor's) degree. Diplomas are required for all other higher education degrees (Masters and Doctoral), no transcripts are needed. Diplomas need only be uploaded for the undergraduate degree if the transcript does not show proof that the degree was obtained.

STRICT QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be individuals working in either the public or private sector with demonstrated leadership ability and a demonstrated commitment to public service;
2. Applicants must be in the age range of **32-45 inclusive**;
3. Applicants must have university degree (equivalent of a 4-year bachelor's or undergraduate degree);
4. Applicants should have a minimum of **five years full-time professional experience** at the time of application in the relevant field after completing a university degree, and should be interested in the policy aspects of their field of specialization;
5. Applicants must present a letter of support from their organization showing consent to grant of **leave of absence** for the duration of the program;
6. Have management or policy responsibilities, including for those who are university teachers and/or teachers of English as a foreign language;
7. Candidates should be proficient in both written and spoken English and be willing to sit for **TOEFL** (English language proficiency exam equivalent to 72/100/60) if selected for the program;
8. Applicants must be citizens of Ethiopia or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid passport issued by the country;
9. Realize that you have a commitment to return home after the Fellowship for at least two years to use the skills and knowledge acquired to assist your communities and country;
10. Applicants who have attended a graduate school in the United States for one academic year or more are ineligible;
11. Applicants who have participated in a U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs within the last three years prior to the submission of their application are ineligible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applicants should submit their application online no later than **July 19, 2026** at:

<https://apply.iie.org/hubertthumphrey>

Please note that the Humphrey Fellowship does not permit accompanying family members.

If you have any questions relating to the application process, please feel free to contact the U.S. Embassy at PASaddisexchanges@state.gov.